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## RE: UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

Serial No.: 10/734,643  
Title: Combined intercooler and flame arrester  
Inventor: BILEK, Andreas  
Filing Date: 12/15/2003  
Examiner: KWON, John  
Art Unit: 3747  
Confirmation #: 9073  
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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 22, 2005, the date for which a response is due on June 22, 2005, with an one-month extention of time, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of Group I. This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 and 17-27 and 29-30 read on the features illustrated in Figures 1-4 of the elected species. Claims 1, 17 and 29 are believed to be generic.

It is further respectfully submitted that the subject matter of species II – V is sufficiently related to species of Group I that a thorough search and examination of any one species would necessarily encompass the search and examination for the remaining species. Accordingly it is submitted that the entire application can be searched and examined without serious burden and that the criteria for a proper restriction requirement as set forth in the MPEP has not been met.

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Furthermore Applicants respectfully request to amend the above identified application as follows: